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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
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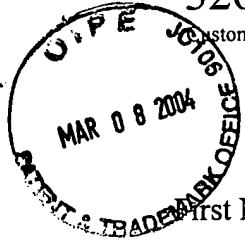
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 Title: SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICE WITH UNVENTED CHANNEL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated November 5, 2003, enclosed are the formal drawings (Figures 15, 17a-17b, 19a-19c and 22) for the above-identified application. A copy of Part 1 of this form is enclosed.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge any fees under 37 §§ CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account 13-3723.

This authorization also includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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